

Building Committee

Oregon Public Library Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM

Location: Oregon Village Hall (Board Room), 117 Spring St., Oregon, WI 53575

1. **Call to order** Jennifer Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call** Members present: Jenny Nelson, Kyle Severson, Jenna Jacobson, John Bieno, John Bonsett-Veal, Megwyn Sanders-Andrews. Unable to attend: Amanda Peterson. Also attending were Brett Rottinghaus, OPN Architects, Deb Haeffner, SCLS Building and Design Consultant, Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, Alicia Fisher, Circulation Supervisor (recorder).
3. **Adopt/amend agenda** – Jacobson made the motion to adopt the agenda as written, Bieno seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
4. **Approve/amend Minutes from 7/23/19** – Bonsett-Veal made the motion to approve the minutes from 7/23/19, Bieno seconded. Motion carried 6-0.
5. **Public Comment -**
 - Carol Carr, 915 Drumlin Dr., Oregon WI** - Main concern is the trees. Also hopes that the meeting space will be usable for group that she meets with every other month – they would need 10-15 tables and would especially love it if there were floor outlets.
 - Rae Vogeler, 299 N Main St., Oregon WI** – Also looks forward to having a place for things like knitting classes and community groups to gather. Shared letter in which she stated that members of the Oregon Near North Main Street Neighborhood Association would like to seek a waiver from the Oregon Planning Commission for the library parking ordinance, in order to reduce the number of parking spaces by 25%. Believes that as downtown district becomes more revitalized it has become more walkable. Thinks that taking steps to make the library a friendly environment for pedestrians and bicyclists will make our library a destination library - friendly for the environment, friendly for the community, but also with sufficient parking.
6. **Informational Items:**
 - a. Building Committee Positions – Way reported that 2 positions will be added to represent the neighborhood and the greater Oregon community. Applicants will be reviewed by library board.
 - b. Planning Commission – 8/08/19 at 6:30 PM at Oregon Village Hall, will include conceptual discussion with OPN.
 - c. Letter from Sara Dewey – 8/05/19
 - d. Letter from Rae Vogeler – 8/06/19
7. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**
 - a. **Plan Refinement** – Rottinghaus introduced a refined plan that had the mechanicals on the basement level. The first floor featured the Children’s collection and program room, Community Room directly off of lobby, staff area adjacent to staff service point, the entry shifted north by one bay, and book return moved to the front of the building. The 2nd floor contained the adult collection along with the quiet reading room, conference room and unconference room, study rooms with a staff area behind them, and a teen space across from the Makerspace. Way and others expressed desire for the Makerspace to be more visible. Sanders-Andrews suggested changing the order of the 3 rooms across from the Children’s program room to have the New Mom’s room on north side, then Family Study room then Sensory Room next to children’s area. Bieno would like to see the building pushed back out to east toward Main Street. Other suggestions included moving the large conference room to the corner on Main Street by the stairs, combining 2 of the small study rooms into a 6-person study room, moving the 2nd floor staff area closer to the stairs and staff service point, and explore changing the main stairs by considering a switchback or rotating them 90 degrees.
 - b. **Exterior Design Refinement** – Rottinghaus presented the refined exterior design which reduced the amount of stone by using fiber-cement siding and featured a more prominent entry. There were fewer windows from the Main Street view and more on the front of the building due to the location of the east stairwell. Committee members indicated they would like to see warmer tones used for the siding color.
 - c. **Budget Estimate Review** – According to Rottinghaus, his estimator indicated that some recent building projects have been coming in at \$350/square foot. He presented low, medium, and high budget estimates for a 33,000 square foot project using \$275, \$315 and \$350 per square feet estimates accordingly.
 - d. **Additional Public Comment on Agenda Items**
 - Leif Olson, 276 N Main St, Oregon WI** – Felt that this good and diverse group has the ability to work through problems that arise.
 - Rae Vogeler, 299 N Main St, Oregon WI** – Liked the Main St view from the last meeting that was entirely glass. Thinks everybody has done phenomenal job.

Mike Wunsch, 299 N Main St, Oregon WI – Asked whether the low, medium, and high budgets effect building longevity and operating costs. Rottinghaus responded that they would not propose use of any material that doesn't wear well and that they can be smart on the mechanical side to help reduce costs.

Carol Carr, 915 Drumlin Dr., Oregon WI – Inquired about whether the exterior color could be changed to a warmer color before the presentation to the Planning Commission. Also asked whether there would be overhead protection at the front entrance and drive-up. Rottinghaus replied that the changes discussed will be done before the Planning Commission meeting and there would be cover over the entrance but not the drive-up.

e. Consider Approval of Plan with Any Modifications and

f. Consider Approval of Exterior Design Refinement with Any Modifications Bieno made the motion to move forward with proposed modification to interior and exterior design as discussed, including 1) relocating large conference room next to east stairwell, 2) positioning the building closer to Main Street as before, 3) moving the second floor staff area closer to main stairs and staff service point, 4) exploring the possibility of a switchback or rotation of main stairway, 5) combining two small study rooms into a 6-person study room, 6) making adjustments to help the Makerspace be more prominent, 7) changing the order of rooms across from Children's Program Room to be (north to south) New Mom's room, Family Room, Sensory Room, and 8) adjusting the color of the exterior siding to warmer tones that complement the stone. Jacobson seconded the motion. Severson amended motion to set the maximum budget for the high investment at \$12 million for the budget square foot analysis. Jacobson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

g. Possible Selection of Future Meeting Date(s) Way will coordinate with the committee to select the next meeting date.

8. Adjournment - Bieno made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm, Jacobson seconded. Motion carried 6-0.